(b) if so, the follow up action taken to ensure that Indian workers are not ill treated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) With a view to ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian workers in Iraq, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) The Government of India has asked Indian Mission in Baghdad to be in contact with the Iraqi Coalition Provisional Authority, the Governing Council and the Foreign Ministry.

(ii) Our Missions in Baghdad, Amman and Jordan are in contact with employers for ensuring safety and well being of the Indian workers.

(ill) Indian Mission in Baghdad visits camps from time to time to meet the Indian workers and to address their concerns including their security.

(iv) Our Embassy in Baghdad has arrangements to house at a time 50 Indian workers requiring shelter.

Agreement with Israel to fight terrorism globally

348. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Israel have agreed to resolve to fight terror globally;

(b) if so, whether both countries have agreed to provide help and assistance in fighting terror in India;

(c) if so, what are the new training and military equipments provided by Israel to India to meet the terrorism;

(d) to what extent Israel has been able to provide India all assistance; -and

(e) to what extent it has been successful in controlling terrorist activities in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India and Israel had established a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism in 2002. The mutual cooperation includes sharing of Intelligence, exchange of skills and experience in fighting terrorism and capacity building of Security and Intelligence forces.

(c) and (d) Israeli experts have conducted following training programmes for Indian Security forces (i) In August 2002, a team of Aviation Security experts from Israel visited India and delivered talks at Hyderabad for the personnel of CISF engaged in Aviation Security and Recruits Training Centre, Deoli; (ii) Organised Seminar on Combating Suicide Terrorism in January, 2003 in Israel; (iii) Training in Post Blast Investigation in April/ May 2003 at NSG Training Centre, Manesar (Haryana) and Hostage Negotiation Course in May/June 2003 at SVP National Police Academy, Hyderabad.

(e) The assistance obtained from various countries including Israel has helped in facing challenges posed by terrorist groups.

Approval to Non-conventional Energy Projects in Karnataka

349. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects relating to generation of non-conventional energy in Karnataka approved;

(b) how many of them have taken off so far;

(c) the details of energy being produced from these units; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to cancel the licence given to some of these units who had failed to take off so far?

THE MINISTER IN STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry is supporting grid interactive renewable power projects based on wind, solar, biomass and small hydro in the country, including Karnataka. A total installed capacity of 553.36 MW, including 209.10 MW from wind, 203.38 MW from small hydro, 139.88 MW from biomass and 1 MW from urban and industrial wastes has been set up in Karnataka as on 31.3.2004. Projects aggregating to 249.54 MW are under various stages of implementation in Karnataka.

(c) An estimated 1345 million units of electricity were generated from grid interactive renewable power projects in Karnataka during 2003-04.

(d) The Ministry does not issue/cancel licenses for grid interactive renewable power projects in States.